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Col John Tilton, Commander*

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Composite Squadron Hosts Thunderbird Pilot

By Capt Jim Kaletta

The 2006 Florida International Air Show, held at Charlotte County Airport, started Friday evening March 31. The CAP glass cockpit 182 was on display.

Forty four cadets and six senior members attended a special VIP showing that evening. Members were extremely honored to have Maj Nicole Malachowski, Right Wing of the Thunderbirds in attendance. The Thunderbirds, the USAF Demonstration Squadron, plans and presents precision aerial maneuvers to exhibit the capabilities of modern high-performance aircraft and the high degree of professional skill required to operate those aircraft.

Maj Malachowski spoke for about 40 minutes, and every cadet was thrilled. They asked many questions, and she answered every one of them, including the one

probably asked most frequently: "How does it feel to be the first female pilot on the Thunderbird team?" Characteristically Mala-

chowski wanted to emphasize that her goal was not to be a "first," but to do her "best" and achieve a goal she set when she was 5 years old. Her hard work and tenacity gained her the prestigious assignment and, most re-

cently, a promotion from captain to major.

The next day, 48 cadets and seniors worked the show from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Duties included flightline marshaling, transporting pilots from the runway to the operations, security for three gates, and working the aircraft. The team

also provided radio communication from a command post to all of the working areas.

One of the cadets, Chris Velez, was initiated into the United States Air Force with the Thunderbirds giving a presentation in front of nearly spectators! The cadets did extremely well, and we had many compliments from the aircraft owners on the field.

Charlotte County FL 051 performed 368 hours of service on Saturday and 256 hours on Sunday, making a grand total of 624 hours of service to the 2006 International Air Show held at Charlotte County Airport.

Capt Kaletta is the Charlotte County Composite Squadron Commander



Capt Kaletta and squadron members listen to Maj Malachowski's Thunderbird experiences



Right Wing Thunderbird Maj Nicole Malachowski, former CAP cadet (center), poses with cadets at FL International Air Show

Photo by Capt Jim Kaletta



Commander's Comments

Greetings from SER Commander

I want to take this opportunity to address everyone and express my thanks to all who serve at the Region, Wing and Squadron levels. Your efforts are the reason this is the best Region in the Civil Air Patrol!

My vision for the Southeast Region will be to focus its energies in support of our Wings, other Regions and the entire Civil Air Patrol. It is as follows:

Guide Help Exercise

The Southeast Region Staff will concentrate its efforts in the areas of Standardization and Mutual support between the SER Wings.

The Wings of the Southeast Region will continue to build on their relationship of mutual respect, trust and support.

The Region staff will accomplish this by providing guidance, facilitating information sharing and offering limited Region exercises.

With my appointment as your Region Commander, I have been busy trying to inform the region staff as to how I want them to function. The current staff is composed of highly qualified personnel and I foresee only small changes in procedures and personnel. I am working with the staff and each Wing Commander to develop a plan for implementation of this vision.

Meanwhile, I just got back from the Region Cadet Competition and was very pleased with its execution and the outstanding Cadet Representatives from our wings. Congratulations to the Puerto Rico Drill Team and the Florida Color Guard Team. They were very impressive. It is very apparent that they have spent a lot of time in preparation for this event. However, I would be proud to place any of our teams in competition at the national level. Major Myers and her staff did a great job and I think we will be seeing more programs from region. We have discussed a SER summer encampment with the Wing commanders and so far they seem interested.

The Region Staff will be meeting on June 23 and 24 in Jacksonville. The location and times are being set up as you read this. It will also be a

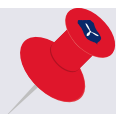
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Quote of the month:
“You can have anything you want - if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose.”

—Abraham Lincoln

Happy Birthday Staff Members

Valerie Brown, 4/15
Robert Atchley, 4/19
Stanley Brock, 4/21
Roy Boudreaux, 4/23
Edward Marshall, 4/24
Ronald Hanson, 4/30
Ernie Manzano, 4/30



April Service Anniversaries

Janet Kendrick	31 Years
James “Pete” Norris	31 Years
Jonathan Tedder	17 Years
Ernie Bilotto	17 Years
Richard Stiliha	5 Years

Mark Your Calendar

7-9 April	GAWG Conference, Jeckyll Island
28-30 April	MSWG Conference, Gulf Port
28-30 April	ALWG Conference, Huntsville
5-7 May	FLWG Conference, Orlando
24 June-1 July	MSWG /ALWG Encampment, Gulf Port

Aviation Awareness Days

By Capt Jim Phillips

Aerospace, mathematics, and science was the focus of Aviation Awareness Days held March 13-14, 2006 at the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport, GA.

The Civil Air Patrol's Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron (GA-075) joined with the Savannah-Chatham-Effingham County Board of Education, the United States Navy/Marine Corps ROTC programs at Savannah State University and Armstrong Atlantic State University, the Gulfstream Corporation, Georgia Aviation College, and the Georgia Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Wing in hosting more than 2,000 middle and high school students and educators.

The event included flight simulator time, the static display with flight crews of a variety of Navy, Coast Guard, Air National Guard, and general aviation fixed and rotary wing aircraft, exhibits, and numerous classroom presentations by, amongst others, Capt Jim Phillips, PAO for the Flying Tiger Squadron. Capt Betty Morgan, the Hubert Middle School Squadron Commanding Officer who is also a teacher and affiliated with the GA

ANG 165th, also participated.

The Georgia Air National Guard provided facilities and flight line accommodations which were further enhanced by the close proximity to the active runway at SAV providing the students the opportunity to observe a constant flow of arrival/departure activity.

This was the first time that the Civil Air Patrol had been invited to participate in this yearly event.

Capt Phillips is the Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron PAO, GAWG

West Broward hosts Fly Day

By TFO Allison Hady

West Broward Composite Squadron recently hosted the Group 11 Fly Day at North Perry Airport in Pembroke Pines, FL. Participating in this event were cadets from West Broward, Miramar, and Weston. The main



Fly Day participants get hands-on experience

event of the day was the O-Rides, but while the cadets were not flying, there were many other activities going on as well. Capt. Hady taught a basic search and rescue course, which included learning about first aid and triage.

The cadets also participated in a mock search and rescue drill. Lt. Lybrand held an aerospace education course, which included aerospace trivia. There was also a drill competition led by C/CMSGT Collins from West Broward. The cadets and senior members from all squadrons came together to make the Fly Day a success.

Bedgood gets USAF Instructor Certification

Lieutenant Colonel Alvin J. Bedgood is the first Civil Air Patrol member to attend the resident Instructor Certification Program conducted at the I.G. Brown Education and Training Center, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, TN.

The Instructor Certification program (ICP), a two-week long resident program, introduces students to the philosophy, methodologies and practice of the Instructional Systems Design model.

SER Commander's Comments Continued

commander's call. I am encouraging each Wing Commander to bring some of his staff to meet and plan with the region staff. There will be an informal get-together Friday night and the meeting on Saturday. We should be finished by Saturday late afternoon.

Col John Wilks has offered to co-sponsor the SER conference and MSWG conference next year in Mississippi. We are looking at

moving the conference to a different wing annually.

We have the Chaplains College and the region staff college coming up soon. I want to encourage all of you to take every opportunity to attend any career development course available. The region receives a direct benefit from your increase in knowledge and your promotions.

With the changes at National

Headquarters and the increase in inclement weather, I look forward to an exciting time in the history of the corporation.

We will be tasked to do more for the Civil Air Patrol and the country than we have for many years. I feel confident that the Staff and Wings of the Southeast Region will be ready when tasked.

Col John Tilton is the Southeast Region Commander

Cadet Programs

By Maj Vickie Meyer

The first team to arrive, Puerto Rico Wing, actually came the farthest for the SER Cadet Competition, which was held recently at Ft. Benning, Georgia, "Home of the Infantry... Follow Me!"



Ft. Benning hosted our competition and we couldn't have been more pleased with the reception we were given, nor the accommodations that were furnished to us. The teams were housed in the "Starship" located at Sand Hill, which also supplied us with a classroom to do the written exam in on Friday evening. This worked out wonderfully, as no one had to do any additional traveling once they arrived.

Once again, SER hosted at least one team from every Wing in our Region. This is quite an accomplishment in my opinion, considering the devastating year of hurricanes that our Region endured last year. It only goes to prove that our members within the SER are among the finest and most persistent in the Civil Air Patrol.

Since the written exam was completed on Friday evening, that made for a little easier schedule on Saturday. All things would have been perfect (but what fun would that have been?) if not for the wind we encountered. It did make it a little chilly for standing at atten-

tion in a short sleeve shirt for inspection, but of course, the cadets never cease to amaze us; they did it without complaint. Great idea to move the vehicles over to block the wind. I knew those big vans would come in handy one day.

We had a great time at the social on Saturday evening, which was hosted by the Wing and Region Commanders.

Lots of good things like chocolate, candy, sodas fruit, chips and salsa.

Many thanks go out to each and every Commander for supporting this activity and letting the cadets KNOW that you support it. In addition, we had 13 Air Force personnel to assist us from several different Wings around the Region. Many thanks go out to Maj Steve Governale and Col Jerry Angley

for organizing them.

The facilities that were offered up for our use on Ft. Benning were second to none, thanks to Mr. Sean Hunter from the Installation Operation Center. On Sunday morning, after breakfast in the dining facility, we all were seated in the auditorium at Infantry Hall, which holds at least 2,500 folks, for the

Awards Ceremony.

Hopefully we'll be returning to Ft. Benning again.

Puerto Rico took first place in the Drill Team competition with Tennessee taking second place. Florida took first place in the Color Guard events with Puerto Rico taking second place. If for some reason, either first place team cannot

attend the National Cadet Competition in Washington, D.C., the second place team will step up and attend for the Region.

Drill team specifics: Male Fleetfoot Award went to Armando del Valle with a time of 4:56; female Fleetfoot

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Mississippi Cadets run the mile



Cadets prepare for the written exam



Florida posts the Colors

Award went to Tania Buda with a time of 7:04. Highest Written exam score went to Patrick Burns and the Outstanding Cadet Award went to Corey Tuttle.



Florida cadets prepare for inspection

Color Guard specifics: Male Fleetfoot Award went to Christian Rivera with a time of 5:48; female Fleetfoot Award went to Viviana Arvalo with a time of 8:04. The highest written exam score was tied with two members from the same unit (FLWG) Luis Brizuela and Christopher Mite-Bolanos. The Outstanding Cadet Award went to Jordan Box.

Congratulations go out to all the cadets and escorts who attended the competition. Your participation is what makes this event happen. Many thanks to all the volunteers and staff members from each Wing that attended and truly made this a SER activity.

At right: Winning Puerto Rico team with SER Commander Col Tilton and SER Cadet Programs Director Maj Meyer

TN Promotes Cadets

Chattanooga Composite squadron had two cadets promoted in March. Cadet Shane Irvine was promoted to C/A1C and Cadet Joseph Murphy was promoted to C/CMSgt. The promotions are being presented by Squadron Commander Major Jack Mullinax.



Shane Irvine



Joseph Murphy



Two GAWG Squadrons Conduct Ground Team Training

By SM Keith Dickerson

The motto of Peachtree Dekalb Senior Squadron is "Ready to Roll." With membership of more than 60 members and four qualified aircrews, the squadron has been able to live up to the motto... with a limitation.

"The Georgia Wing has very few ground team resources," said Squadron Commander Lt Col Jerry Cleary. "Peachtree Dekalb Senior Squadron's biggest challenge is to train mission-qualified ground team members."

The squadron leadership wants to assemble a fully-qualified ground team within a three-month period. Under the direction of Operations Officer Capt Roy Villers, Maj Bob Finton and 1st Lt Mike Bowman are giving members the opportunity to qualify through the curriculum they have developed, which incorporates Ground Team Member 1 and Ground Team Leader courses.

Ten members of Peachtree Dekalb Senior Squadron and five members of Dekalb Squadron participated in the course. The program ended in March with a day-and-night operation that tested members' ground skills.

The exercise combined the efforts of course participants and several local emergency management service agencies.

Instructors Maj Jim Weed of Gwinnett Composite Squadron and 1st Lt Ray Minton of Dekalb Cadet Squadron helped plan the course. Facilitator 2nd Lt William Hale is also Peachtree Dekalb Senior Squadron's Ground Team leader.

Dekalb County Public Safety Battalion Chief John Creasy, a longtime friend and colleague of Finton, gave the program a significant boost. According to Finton, Creasy "volunteered to help shape and implement this training, culminating in bringing in some of his experienced and sophisticated assets in to work with us on our last training missions."

The Georgia Public Safety Training Center in central Georgia, a comprehensive training complex used by state and local public safety-related units, was also used for this program.

SM Keith Dickerson is the PAO, Peachtree Dekalb Senior Squadron, GAWG

Cadets Train

By Maj Douglas E. Jessmer

Cadets from three southwest Florida squadrons converged for a training day Saturday, March 18 at Charlotte County Airport.

From 7 a.m. through mid-afternoon, 24 cadets from units at Marco Island and Lee County schools flew their required orientation flights in planes operated by CAP. They also learned, as ground crews, how to search for electronic emergency beacons, and learned how to operate CAP radios. Charlotte County Composite

Squadron commander Capt Jim Kaletta said the training day was coordinated with Lee County Schools Cadet Squadron commander Lt Col Jim Spieth. As a result, Kaletta said, "a decision was made to continue this on a monthly basis, flying approximately four of their cadets on either the third or fourth Saturday of the month."

Aircraft from CAP units at Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, Marco Island and Charlotte County Airport flew the cadets on Saturday.



Cadet Senior Amn. Nick Pratt works a radio direction finder to pinpoint an emergency beacon, while Cadet Amn. Jacen Vauan watches. The two are members of Lee County School's cadet squadron SER-FL-816, Cape Corel, FL.

Maj Jessmer, is the FLWG Group 5 PAO

ALWG works with EMA

By Maj Patricia Mitcham

Lt Col Larry Becker, Alabama Group 3 Commander, gave a multi-media presentation to the Madison County Emergency Planning Committee on the Civil Air Patrol's Missions for America. Madison County EMA is the Focal Point for the committee, which consists of representatives from safety, law enforcement, EMA, VOAD, education and other interested parties. The focus of the committee is countywide planning for response to any emergency or hazard that could affect Madison County. Lt Col Becker emphasized the various missions which would complement damage assessment, search and rescue, and aerial photography, as well as other activities within CAP which would assist EMA and other organizations in Madison County, AL.

Maj Mitcham is the ALWG PAO.



Region Medical

By Lt Col Patricia Faunt

What You Should Do If There is a Biological Threat

It is important to understand that a biological attack may not be obvious. Sometimes you will see signs of an attack, like we did with the anthrax mail. More than likely though, health care workers will report a pattern of unusual illness, or there will be numerous people seeking medical attention in the emergency rooms. A TV broadcast or emergency radio spot will alert you to the danger. You may even have someone come to the door or your business to tell you of the attack.



It is possible the health care officials may not know exactly what biological hazard is occurring because sometimes it takes time to determine exactly what the illness is.

Then they must come up with a plan of treatment and figure out who is in danger.

As you listen to the news or

watch TV or even the Internet, pay attention to the signs and symptoms of the disease. Are medications being distributed? Are you in the affected area? If you do become sick where should you go for medical care? Pay attention.

If a DECLARED biological emergency is happening and you are in the area thought to be in danger, and your symptoms match those described in the official news, seek emergency medical attention. However don't panic and rush to the emergency room for any little ill feeling. Use common sense and practice good hygiene and cleanliness to avoid spreading germs, in the event it is contagious.

If you become aware of an unusual and suspicious substance nearby, quickly get away, protect your airway, cover your mouth and nose with layers of fabric that filter air but still allow breathing, such as a handkerchief or towel or several layers of tissue. Wash with soap and water. Contact the authorities. Stay calm and follow the instructions of doctors and other public health officials.

Take care and be aware.

Lt Col Faunt is the Southeast Region Nurse Officer

Gainesville Squadron Presents AE Awards at Regional Science Fair

The Gainesville Composite Squadron continued an annual tradition by presenting the Blaser Memorial Aerospace and Aviation Awards at the Alachua County Regional Science Fair. The awards are named for Russ and Carol Blaser, beloved members of the squadron, who perished in a 2002 aircraft accident.

Members of the squadron judged the projects and presented cash awards

to one winner each in the Junior and Senior divisions. In the Junior division, Robbie Pinney received honors for his project entitled "Rockets In Flight." In the Senior division, Larry Warren

won for his project "The Effect of Wing Design on Lift and Drag Principles." The students were presented their awards by Gainesville squadron commander, 1st Lt Leslie Ballard, at a ceremony at Gainesville High School.



Robbie Pinney (Junior division winner)



Larry Warren (Senior division winner)

The Gainesville Composite Squadron has presented this regional award for several years as an aerospace outreach project under the direction of 1st Lt Susan King and is endeavoring to expand to neighboring counties next year.

Photos by 1st Lt Susan King

Florida Member Flies B-25

Captain Bob Oehl, a member of Gainesville Composite Squadron and nephew of General Jimmy Doolittle, is flying the B-25 Mitchell Bomber on the Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom tour. Captain Oehl received an invitation on Jan. 20, 2006 to take the controls as co-pilot of the B-25 during the tour's Jacksonville stop. After takeoff, Capt Oehl took the controls for the remaining part of flight, flying formation with the B-17 Flying Fortress from Fernandina Beach to Cecil Field. First Lieutenant Susan King accompanied Oehl, taking photos of the adventure.



Capt Oehl in front of the "Tondelayo," a B-25

After his successful stint as co-pilot, Capt Oehl was offered a volunteer pilot position with the Collings Foundation, to assist them with flying the B-25 around the country, requiring a minimal two-week annual commitment.

Captain Oehl accepted, and the Collings Foundation funded his further training. Oehl was type-rated in the aircraft just a few weeks later. He continues to fly the B-25 for the non-profit educational foundation.

Captain Oehl began his aviation career nearly 40 years ago, beginning in light general aviation aircraft, and continuing through two tours of duty in Vietnam as a combat pilot, and periods of time as an airline pilot, test



Capt Bob Oehl, right seat, flies the B-25

pilot, corporate pilot, and flight instructor. He currently owns Express Air, a flight training business in Keystone Heights.

Captain Oehl has served Gainesville Composite Squadron and Florida Wing for several years, and enjoys mentoring young people in aerospace and aviation.

For more information on the Collings Foundation, visit their website: www.collingsfoundation.org.

Florida Group 2 ES bivouac

On the weekend of Feb. 24-26, 21 cadets and 11 senior members from Group 2 attended a joint ES training bivouac near Ocala. The purpose of the weekend event was to get as many people qualified in UDF (Urban Direction Finding) and GTM (Ground Team Mission) as possible. To do so would allow members to participate in missions.

The first night, though, an unexpected surprise occurred. During the training, a real mission was called in from National CAP Headquarters to the Ocala squadron commander. He then selected six persons to go on the mission. A few hours later, the team had found and silenced an ELT (emergency locator transmission). All three members of the Lake City squadron, plus a fourth from the Gainesville

squadron, claimed their first "find" that night.

Group 9 Trains for Future at FTX

By 1st Lt Corey S. Halaychik

On March 17, 18, and 19 cadets and senior members from Group 9 of the Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol participated in an emergency services training weekend at Tiger Bay State Preserve in Volusia County, FL.

The event, hosted by the DeLand Composite Squadron, was a great success and provided those who participated with much needed practical and classroom instruction on ground

team member tasks.

In all, 14 members representing

the DeLand Composite Squadron, Timber Creek Composite Squad-



Photo by 1 Lt Corey Halaychik

**Lake Composite Squadron Commander
Lt Col David Moseley teaches basic
first aid during ES training**

ron and Lake Composite Squadron, learned how to conduct line and hasty searches, land navigation, signal mirror use and proper transport of injured persons.

Participants also received a special treat in the form of a hot spaghetti meal on Saturday night provided by two parents of DeLand Composite Squadron cadets, Sponsor Member Lisa Jones and Mrs. Robyn Monk.



**C/1st Lt John Samonas
of Gainesville Composite
Squadron**

In and Around the Region



**Maj Gene Olson
of Pinellas Senior Squadron**

Maj Olson runs a pre-flight inspection before his check-ride at a Form 5 Clinic on Sat. Feb. 18 in Lakeland, FL

photo by Capt Rob Gray



**Lt Col Rob Gaston with flag flown
over Afghanistan in B-52**

Capt Tommy Lee, AF S/MSgt, deployed to Diego Garcia, arranged for the flag to be flown especially for the Maxwell Composite Squadron, AL



AE Award Won 7 Years in a Row

Lt Col John Lynn prepares to display the Aerospace Achievement Award earned by the Lake Composite Squadron for the 7th year in a row.

Photo by Lt Col David Moseley

Given the success of this emergency services training weekend, more will definitely be held in the future with even greater participation and more activities. Locations and dates will be announced as they are set by the hosting squadrons.



Capt Brett Kocijan (L) and 1st Lt Corey Halaychik “enjoy” MREs at the Deland FTX

Photo by Lt Col David Moxley

iors managed to complete all of the tasks on their UDF Training Records, and several made significant progress on Ground Team Member. For actual in-the-field training, members went on a mission to find a missing in-flight recorder.

The trainees were told that there had

Knowing that the search must still go on, they then plotted the coordinates out on a topographical chart and using only maps and a compass, worked their way in to the approximate estimated location of the “recorder.” Once in the general vicinity, they formed into a line search, pinpointed the target, and recovered it.

Instead of an in-flight recorder, what the team had really found was a geocache site, one of about 50 in the Tallahassee area. Geo-

Tallahassee Geocaches

By 1st Lt Gene Floyd

Members of the Tallahassee Composite Squadron were seeing green on St Patrick’s Day weekend, but it was not a result of a fear of being pinched. The cadets and senior members of the squadron donned their green camouflage uniforms along with green field gear, and spent the weekend training for search and rescue and disaster relief.

In the course of the weekend, the participating cadets and sen-

been a mid-air collision but the in-flight recorder was missing from one of the aircraft. Radar data pinpointed the probable location of the recorder at N 30° 23.267 W 084° 22.374 and team members were told that the in-flight recorder was a green metal box that looked very similar to an ammo can. As they prepared to input the coordinates into the GPS, they were informed that it had failed and was totally useless.



(Back L-R) Cadet Lane Branch, Lt Judy Yarborough, 1st Lt Gene Floyd. (Sitting L-R) Cadet Katharine Keckler, Cadet Maria Cooper, Cadet Dupuis. (Closest to camera) Cadet Stephen Floyd

cache enthusiasts put together waterproof containers (usually surplus GI ammunition cans), with logbooks and several souvenirs or trinkets in them and hide them, posting the exact latitude and longitude

on <http://www.geocaching.com>.

News and Events of Note to the SER



MacDill Honor Guard Hosts Training

Thirty-nine FL cadets participated in a Color Guard training workshop Mar. 4. They learned CAP ceremony skills and will supplement the MacDill team when needed Photo by Capt Michelle Becker



O Flight Provides Awesome Views of Lake Okeechobee

1st Lt John Clark, Public Affairs Officer, Group 4, FLWG catches this image from a chase plane during cadet orientation rides



Corporate Learning Course

Lt Col Bruce McConnell explains CAP’s radio communications system. The course was one of several offered during a professional development weekend at Sarasota Military Academy.

Photo by Maj Douglas E. Jessmer, Group 5, FLWG

From the IG

By Lt Col Valerie Brown

How Do I Know if This Is an "IG" Complaint

Like most things in life, complaints have rules. Many of the rules for complaints can be found in CAP Regulation 123-2. First is the definition of an Inspector General (IG) complaint as a written document listing facts and circumstances specifically alleging a violation of a CAP directive, a violation of law or misconduct. Special rules are set up for Fraud, Waste and Abuse complaints as well as the Whistleblower Protection Program. You can analyze your situation using these rules to see if it's an "IG" complaint.

Some complaints are processed through other channels. The IG Complaint program may not be used for matters normally addressed through other established grievance or appeal channels unless there is evidence that those mishandled the matter or process.

Let's take a look at two examples, the suspension of flight privileges and the termination or suspension of CAP membership privileges. To compare a bit, we can see that both of these involve significant safety issues, a primary concern of CAP command. To this end, commanders have both authority and latitude in the application of that authority as granted by our regulations. It's also important to note that suspension of membership privileges or flight privileges implies concern, not guilt. These privileges can be reinstated once the cause for concern is eliminated.

In our first example, CAP regulation 60-1 regulates the control and management of the CAP flying program, aircraft and air crews. Commanders at any level, or Inci-



dent Commanders (while in command of the activity) may direct the immediate suspension or revocation of flying privileges in two circumstances. One is if—in their judgment—the pilot's flying is unsafe. The second is if—in their judgment—CAPR 60-1 has been violated (CAPR 60-1, para 2-11).

Protections for the pilots are established through requirements regarding written notifications and time frames for processing in subparagraph b. Guidelines for reconsideration offer further protection for the pilot in subparagraph c.

Commanders may require special flight checks of any pilot under their command (para 2-11d). These flights allow the commander to ensure the ongoing safety of flight and confirm the integrity of the check pilot process. Wing supplements may specify additional procedures.

As you can see, the IG has no role here, unless there is evidence that those channels have mishandled the process.

In our second example, CAP regulation 35-3 defines the requirements of CAP membership as well the suspension or termination of those privileges. If at any time during the membership year, a commander determines continued membership to be adverse to the best interest of CAP, the member may be terminated prior to his/her expiration date (para 1-6). Specific reasons are then outlined for both cadet and senior members in Section A and B. Section C details who initiates the action, the procedures and time requirements. Section D specifies the basis for appeal and the process required.

Of significant note, the decision of the approving authority is final and will not be the basis for any further appeal or complaint. Again, there is no routine IG involvement.

While the IG is here to help, our response is governed by CAP regulations. It is our duty to support our command structure, not to replace it. We will do whatever we can to assist in resolving your issues.

Cadet Wins History Channel Award

By 1st Lt David Typinski

Cadet Airman Daniel Cook won the Grand Prize in a nationwide essay contest sponsored by The History Channel. Cook, a 12-year-old member of the Gainesville Composite Squadron and homeschool student from Keystone Heights, addressed the question, "Which event in American space history do you think is most important and why?"

Cook wrote an essay, due one month from the contest announcement, explaining why Dr. Robert Goddard's invention of the liquid fueled rocket engine takes top

honors in the history of space exploration. Along with two other

Grand Prize winners, Cook earned himself and three guests a four day trip to Kennedy Space Center, including admission to the Astronaut Training Experience, travel, and lodging. Cook is very enthusiastic about everything related to aerospace and is the

Cadet Assistant Aerospace Education Officer with the Gainesville squadron. Cadet Cook aspires to be an astronaut.

1st Lt Typinski is the AEO, Gainesville Composite Squadron, FLWG



C/Amn Daniel Cook

ALWG Trains at Maxwell AFB

By Maj Joe Curry

One-hundred-forty members of ALWG were guests of the 42nd Airbase Wing and Air University during an annual professional development weekend Feb. 25-26 at Maxwell AFB, AL. Thirty-four senior members attended Squadron Leadership School, 14 enrolled in the Corporate Learning Course, and 14 participated in Training for Leaders of Cadets. Thirty Cadets participated in an Airman Leadership School and 19 attended an NCO course, both of which were taught by Auburn University ROTC cadets. Colonel Mike Oakman, newly appointed Alabama Wing Commander, spoke at each seminar. Members

of the wing staff partnered with HQ CAP to staff the activity. Lt Justin Smith, newly appointed Director of Cadet Programs, coordinated 40 staff members and instructors for both the cadet and senior member professional development courses to make the activity one of



Cadets 2 Lt Devon Adams, Capt Erinn Scott, CMSgt Travis Fullbright and CMSgt Josh McCain confer during a break at the Airman Leadership School and NCO course.

the largest of the year.

Maj Curry is the Director of Cadet Programs, ALWG

TNWG in Homeland Security Exercise

The TNWG will be involved in a major Homeland Security exercise in the Nashville, TN area.

The HSD5 exercise will be held April 7- 8, 2006. Group 3 will be the primary CAP provider for this exercise. Lt Col Tim Brown will be the IC.

In addition to manning the TEMA PIT, CAP will maintain liaison officers at two other emergency command centers.

Capt Roger Everson, Group 3 Operations and 1st Lt Sean Kinner, Group 3 Emergency Services, will take lead for the Group 3 planning for this exercise.

For advance planning purposes, this will be a CAP-USAF graded exercise.

**Events and participation are subject to change. Contact Maj Bruce Kincaid for additional information.*

TNWG Offers Squadron Leadership School

Tennessee's Group 2 will be hosting an SLS class on May 20-21, 2006.

Commanders and Professional Development Officers take this opportunity to review your records and encourage all eligible members to attend.

The purpose of the SLS is to prepare CAP senior members to more effectively fulfill squadron-level corporate duties. This is accomplished through classes in leadership, technical concepts, and group activities. For most new members who have completed level one, this is your next big step to becoming familiar with the inner workings of your squadron and what you can do to support your squadron.

There is an information web page for this SLS class that will

provide all interested participants with all the information you will need.

You can go to <http://tnwg.cap.gov/tn192/g2sls/> for additional information.

Any participants who wish to attend the SLS from a distance will find food and lodging links on this page as well as the address, map, and directions to Group 2 headquarters from this page. Map and direction sheets for each motel and restaurant will be available at the SLS class. Those wishing directions to a motel listed prior to arrival can receive one by email on request when registering.

Make your plans now to attend this SLS class and make your CAP professional development take off.

Administration

By Lt Col Evelyn Holdren

Organization and Mission—CAPR 20-1

Organization of Civil Air Patrol

This regulation establishes the organizational structure of CAP and gives position descriptions at all levels. It applies to all CAP units. There is a detailed index to assist the member in locating the information contained in each section.

Part I, Organization of CAP, covers general information giving the date CAP was established and the character of our corporation. It refers to our by-laws, regulations and directives. The objects and purposes of CAP are discussed, as well as organizational structure and positions at all echelons. CAP was chartered by Congress July 1, 1946.

Information is given to assist each unit commander in preparing an organizational chart at their headquarters, including name and grade and duties so that all unit personnel know their responsibilities and chain of command. It is important to note that someone should be responsible for each task outlined in the position description and entire unit should be aware of who is responsible for which duties.

CAP first became an auxiliary of the Army Air Corps in 1943 and official auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force on May 26, 1948. The CAP organizational chart is shown on Page 6 of this regulation starting with the US Air Force and including our National Board down



to CAP flights. The CAP Headquarters chart is shown on page 7 and Headquarters CAP-USAF chart is given on page 8. Page 9 shows chain of command from the National Commander down to Flight Commander. Page 10 of this regulation contains a map of the United States showing the location of the eight Regions. Further charts are found from page 11 through page 23.

Part III of the regulation provides a position description for Region Commander, Wing Commander, Group Commander and Squadron Commander. Also included are descriptions for Operations Officer, Emergency Services Officer, Standard/Eval Officer, ES Training Officer, SAR Officer, Disaster Relief Officer, Wing/Region Counter Drug Officer, Communications Officer, Drug Demand Reduction Officer, Aerospace Education Officer, Internal Aerospace Education Officer, External Aerospace Officer, and all other officers referred to in this regulation including officers in the Cadet organizations.

This regulation should be carefully read, as are all other regulations, and reviewed by the SER Administration officer, and by those studying or who are about to study CAPP205, Administration Specialty Track. Knowledge of these 16 regulations will be required for the Technician, Senior and Master Ratings in the Administration Program. Of course, reading of regulations listed in the Administration Specialty Track program will no doubt be very helpful for any of those who become familiar with them.

Squadron Visits Coast Guard

By TFO Allison Hady

The West Broward Composite Squadron in Pembroke Pines, FL recently took a trip to the Coast Guard Air Station Miami, in Opa Locka. The air station's missions include: Maritime Law Enforcement, Environmental Protection, and Search and Rescue, which is its prime mission. The air station houses 9 HH-65A Dauphin Helicopters, 8 HU-25C Night Stalker fan jets, and 1 VC-4A Turbo Prop logistics airplane.

One cadet from West Broward Composite Squadron, C/CMSgt Collins, will be leaving for the Coast Guard Academy this July. The Cadets were given a tour of the

station which was led by Lt. Lance Kerr, a pilot for the US Coast Guard. The cadets were shown the different aircraft that the Coast Guard uses such as the Dauphin HH-65A helicopter. They were also given a tour of the swim shop which housed all of the gear used by the

Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers.

TFO Hady is the PAO, West Broward Composite Squadron, FLWG



Viet Nam Vet takes reigns

Lieutenant Colonel Dave Moruzzi has been part of the Naples squadron since August 2003 and now has taken over the reigns. Lt Col Moruzzi brings a lifetime of military service and experience with him that goes back to 1954 when he enlisted in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. In 1957 he earned a commission and his pilot wings and flew C-47s, B-25s, F94As, F-94cs and F86H aircraft.

In 1966, as part of the US Air Force, Moruzzi was sent to Danang Air Base in South Vietnam. There he flew 146 combat missions into North Vietnam that

included day and night road reconnaissance, tactical bombing, and electronic surveillance escort and air combat patrol.

Upon his return to the US he completed his engineering degree at Auburn University. He then served in an engineering development role for the Air Force and flew test mission support at Eglin AFB, FL.

He continued to progress in rank and served staff positions in South Korea and the Pentagon. Along the way he completed Command and Staff College, earned a Masters in Public Administration and finished the Armed Forces

Industrial College. His final assignment was with the Undersecretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. After declining a promotion to Colonel in 1981 he retired. Moruzzi accumulated a total of an amazing 3025 flight hours of which 388 were combat hours in Vietnam.

Today, Lt Col Moruzzi resides in Naples with his wife and as a licensed boat captain enjoys ecotourism when he is not performing his duties with CAP.



Aerospace Education

By Lt Col Dave Garner

NCASE update... Online registrants will be entered in a drawing for two positive space passes on Southwest Airlines operated flights within the continental United States (ticket expiration 12/31/07). The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 21, during the NCASE General Assembly from 4:15 to 5:30 pm. You need not be present to win. For more NCASE information, go to <http://www.ncase.info>.

Earn Graduate Credit While Motivating Your Students! Civil Air Patrol and Adams State College in Alamosa, CO are offering one hour of graduate credit to CAP members who lead students/cadets in completing the Aerospace Education Excellence Award Program. One hour of graduate credit cost is \$45. Refund is paid upon successful completion of the program. Enrollment in the program is ongoing. Course Description: Aerospace Education Extended Studies Course (SCIED 589 Aerospace Education) is a self-guided course that brings a wealth of aviation and space resources to educators. Course Requirements: You must currently hold a bachelor's degree, be a member of Civil Air Patrol, and enroll in the Aerospace Education Excellence Program for units or schools. Conduct six hands-on aerospace activities with one or more classes ending with a 2 hour special aerospace activity by Sept. 1, 2006. For more information and to enroll in the college credit program contact Kathy Baucum by phone (334-953-4213) or email kbaucum@cap.gov.

Check out the Coffy Gregory Aviation Academy (an exciting opportunity for girls and women who have an interest in aviation) that will be held on May 19-21, 2006. Full scholarships are available for this event. For more, contact Marion Blakely at the EAA Museum & Resident Education Office, (888) 322-3229 or airacademy@eaa.org.

Information on the Team America Rocketry Challenge: There are 17 Civil Air Patrol teams participating in this year's Challenge, representing nine states. Teams competing in this year's Challenge must submit their qualifying scores by April 10, 2006, to be eligible for the 2006 National Finals Fly-Off. The National Finals will be held May 20, 2006, at Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia. While applications for this year's Team America Rocketry Challenge are closed, applications for 2007 will be available online in early September 2006. STAY TUNED TO www.rocketcontest.org for MORE INFORMATION

If you are currently serving as a Region Director of Aerospace Education (DCS AE), State Wing Director of Aerospace Education (DAE), or as an External or Internal Director of Aerospace Education; you are invited to attend the first annual AE Staff School to be held in Pensacola, FL, this coming summer June 21-24, 2006. More information can be found at: <http://www.capae.info/NationalAEStaffSchool.htm>

A big thank you to all of you who helped make SER the top region again in AE!

Lt Col Garner is the SER Aerospace Director

March SER Cadet Awards

Amelia Earhart Award winners:

- Chester N. Kraft, AL
- Winston M. Jean-Pierre, FL
- Nathaniel E. Gingery, GA
- Javier A. Arocho, PR
- Geovannie Aviles, PR
- Luis G. Colon, PR
- Felcar De Leon, PR
- William Medal, PR
- Nicholas S. Sartino, TN

Gen Billy Mitchell Award winners:

- Andy C. Cannon, AL
- Christopher Caddell, FL
- John M. Clark, FL
- Christine M. Colbert, FL
- Socrates E. Colindres, FL
- Marhino A. Colindres, FL
- Cameron E. Kellermann, FL
- Clifford B. Lore, FL
- Jenna E. McCord, FL
- Justin T. Tellekamp, FL
- Nicholas B. Toft, FL
- Drew W. Clasen, GA
- Andrew G. Albee, MS
- Hector M. Artigas, PR
- Joshua M. Bernabe, PR
- Luis A. Betancourt, PR
- Daniel Delgado, PR
- Ramon J. Hilerio, PR
- Julien J. Jimenez, PR
- Frances N. Lugo, PR
- Mario Santiago, PR
- Jorge O. Velazquez, PR
- Jason Frazier, TN
- Daniel P. Roy, TN
- Mark E. Tellez, TN

Public Affairs

By Capt Michelle

If you are a Public Affairs Officer of a cadet squadron, you owe it to the “Scrapbooking Moms” and the “Refrigerator-Magnet-Grandparents” of this world to put out products they can use to fill their memory books and fridge doors with pictures and stories of their cadet’s CAP accomplishments.



Of course, this is just one of the many reasons to document events and put out products that showcase the wonderful people and services of CAP. It’s my perspective because I happen to be a PAO of a cadet squadron, and an avid scrapbooker and mom, who is always looking for “fodder” for my hobby (also termed “obsession, money-pit, etc.” by some husbands of scrapbookers).

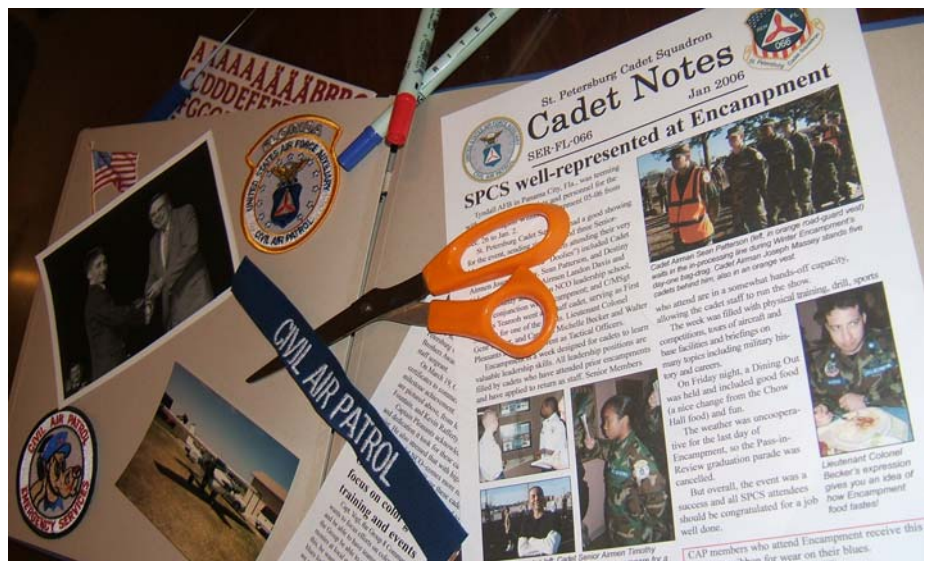
Things like squadron newsletters and news clippings from local papers of articles you, as PAO, have submitted make scrapbookers VERY happy, when photos and accomplishments of their cadets are highlighted. If I had a dime for every newspaper clipping or other

childhood-activity memorabilia my mom has stuck into those old “magnetic-paged” photo albums, I’d have enough money to buy... well, more scrapbooking supplies!

Seriously though, as a PAO, of any unit, but especially a cadet squadron, you are responsible for documenting memories. Some of these cadets lives are literally changed by the things they experience in CAP. Imagine a grandfather 50 years from now, opening up an old scrapbook his mom put together decades ago. He points out to his grandchild a clipping from an old CAP squadron newsletter that has a picture of him as a cadet in a Cessna preparing to take off for his first O-flight. As they look at the old clipping together, he tells his grandchild that what happened in that picture was why he became a pilot, or joined the military, or any other wonderful thing that CAP can inspire.

Sometimes we as PAOs get caught up in other aspects of the job. But don’t forget, there are scrapbooks out there with pages reserved for CAP activities, because CAP is a big part of many lives. YOU can provide the photos and stories that will fill these pages.

Capt Becker is the Associate Editor of Region ReCAP



Alabama Plane is All Washed Up

On Feb. 4, 2006, eight Cadets and five senior members of the Bessemer Composite Squadron got together to wash and wax the squadron's

recently acquired aircraft, N904CP. Although the temperature never got above 50 degrees, everyone had a good time. After

the work was finished, the cadets received orientation rides in our squadron aircraft and Shelby County Flight's Maule. Orientation ride pilots were Lt. Bo Andrews,



Members pay close attention to detail when detailing!

Capt Paul Roebuck, and Capt Jimmy Mitchell. Cadets participating included Devin Adams, Jeremy Adams, Jordan Box, Jordan Davidson, Charles Deering, Amos Elmore, J.D. Fuller, and Christian Sanchez. Senior members Col Bob Dorning and Capt James Smiley also attended the activity.

The SDIS aircraft can be "talked to" anytime via satellite telephone that Maj Holland and others have. The aircraft can also talk to any ground station via the same service while in flight. The pictures are to be taken with a digital camera with no less than 7 mega pixels. The demonstration was carried out with a Nikon. ALWG currently has two aircraft set

up for SDIS with requests for two more SDIS System Trays in process. With more Trays installed, ALWG could still respond if one of the other C-182s was down for maintenance. Only C-182s will be fitted for this system.



It takes a lot of hard work to keep the fleet in tip-top shape

Squadrons Participate in Wings and Wheels

By 1st Lt John Clark

March 26 – 28 was a very busy time for FLWG Group 4, working the 3rd Annual Wings & Wheels Air-show. Over 35,000 people attended this great event.

Many directors of this event, including the Ground Boss and airport manager gave high marks on the professionalism and hard work of all our cadets and senior members. These dedicated members worked over a period of three days, totaling 1033 man hours.

Tasking included static flight line security, security at three different taxiways, and security in the "Hotbox", oh, and directing traffic! Members braved the cold, windy weather with bright sun, and none were spared from a sun/wind burn, or sore feet!

Thirty-one members supported this event on Friday, 42 on Satur-

day, and 34 on Sunday. The following personnel worked all three days and put in long hours.

SM

Vince La Valle, Capt Kirkland, Lt McSparron, C/S John Stout, Lt. Saul Horne, SM Karen Goodner, F/O Stephen Stradley, Capt Scott Stradley, Lt Col Gary Owen, and cadets Meagan Kirkland, Michael Kirkland, Katelyn Bibeau, Jesse Westberry, Sam Serkin, Croix Newson, Rachel Olson, Krista Bibeau, Colt Ramirez, Johnston,



Members of Group 4, FLWG, pose in front an A10 exhibit during the Ft. Pierce Airshow. Photo by 1st Lt John Clark

Paladino, Wayne Ochat, Angel Garcia, Dalton Powell and Cameron Wiley, Jason Hawkins, Spencer Depalaz.

Cadet Kaitlynn Powell recognized an elderly person having a diabetes attack and notified proper authorities who then applied medical care.

1st Lt Clark is the PAO Group 4, FLWG

Operations

By Lt Col David E. Lehtonen

As we continue our series from Tony Kern's book entitled *Darker Shades of Blue – the Rogue Pilot*, this month we will look at rogues at a time when they were needed to move aviation forward. During the first third of the last century, three distinct eras were identified by Kern; the exhibition era, the WWI era, and the barnstormers.

Glenn Curtiss, an early-1900's engine manufacturer and aggressive motorcycle racer, tried selling his engines to the Wright brothers but they rebuffed him so he learned how to fly and started an aircraft company of his own. He needed a test and demonstration pilot to showcase his aircraft to customers. Enter Lincoln Beachey, called by some "history's greatest rogue." At an air show in San Francisco with a new plane, Beachey performed a series of loops for the crowd of 50,000 when he climbed and performed a high speed dive faster than he had ever done previously. Upon pullout, the wings tore off and he crashed in the bay. John Lienhard of the University of Houston writes of Beachey, explaining why this rogue pilot was so essential. "He made such a theater of flight that we all had to join in."

As aircraft engines became lighter and airframes and instrumentation more advanced, the aircraft found a new purpose: as a weapon of war. During the war between Italy and Turkey in 1911 over Libya, the first combat mission took place.

The Italian pilots performed dangerous recon missions and buzzed enemy formations, re-

turning to base but sustaining bullet-holes in the plane. The rogue combat pilot had arrived.

Perhaps no combat pilot did so much for education and training at this time as the German ace, Oswald Boelcke. Initially he flew recon missions but moved up to more heavily armed aircraft. He recorded his first of 40 confirmed kills on July 4, 1915 and began an aggressive offensive attack that would characterize him as foolhardy. Others copied his tactics including Max Immelmann. As squadron commander, Boelcke trained the Red Baron, Manfred Richthofen but when Immelmann was killed, the German high command pulled Boelcke from the front and assigned him to a public relations tour. During this time, Boelcke wrote a paper entitled *Air Fighting Tactics* that is still taught at military fighter training schools. Boelcke was on patrol with Richthofen and another pilot, Lieutenant Bohme, when they spotted seven enemy aircraft. They dove on the formation but Bohme collided with Boelcke forcing him to crash. He might have survived the crash but for not wearing a helmet or a seat belt against regulations, a rogue tendency which most likely killed a man who had been awarded the Blue Max, Germany's highest award for valor.

During the 1920's, the barnstormers worked to forward aviation in a different way. Surplus aircraft were sold by the government and bought by returning combat pilots resulting in the third era – the barnstormers. These men were truly rogues, having just returned from a war where they lived on borrowed

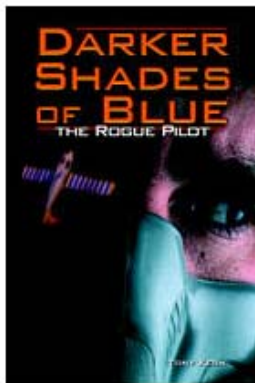
time. Stunt flying was child's play compared to combat flying. The barnstormers made money any way they could, giving rides, stunt flying, even running rum during Prohibition. Many of them ended up crashing from such things as wing collapses, fuel starvation, lack of maintenance, and poorly executed stunts. In 1916, the U.S. Congress established a trial to see if the airplane could be used to speed up mail service. They learned that it could, with the help of several rogue pilots who were willing to risk life and limb to prove they could carry out the mission no matter what it took. Fortunately, the government soon began to regulate these flyers. Rogue aviators became a thing of the past as pilots demonstrated a more professional and safe approach to flying.

There are only two places for rogue aviators. Eddie Rickenbacker called the first place "the kind of show that requires the forfeit of aircraft and crew." Ex-

amples of these are situations to forward aviation, win in air combat, or establish an airmail service that outweighed the risk to aircrew and airplanes. The second place is in our memories – we should be grateful to those who came before – recognizing that rogue behavior has no place in modern flying, especially in CAP

flying. We as the CAP command structure and pilots need to identify and weed out these behaviors. Next month we will further this series by looking at a case study of an accident investigator in Australia of another rogue military pilot who had been operating as such up until his final rogue act.

David E. Lehtonen is the SER Director of Operations



County Government Shows Appreciation to CAP Squadron

By SM Jeff Maturo

Collier County Emergency Management member Jim von Rinteln presented the Naples Senior Squadron with a plaque for the assistance received from the Squadron during hurricane Wilma. Hurricane Wilma was the 21st named storm, 13th hurricane, sixth major hurricane, and fourth Category 5 of the record-breaking 2005 Atlantic Hurricane season. Wilma set numerous records for both strength and seasonal activity. At its peak, it was the most intense tropical cyclone ever recorded in the Atlantic basin. Its formation marked the only time four Category 5 hurricanes formed in the Atlantic in one season, and Wilma was only the third Cate-

gory 5 ever to develop in the month of October. Wilma was the second 21st storm in any season, and the earliest-forming 21st storm by nearly a month.

Wilma made several landfalls, with the most destructive effects felt in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, Cuba and the State of Florida. At least 62 deaths have been reported, and damage is estimated at \$16-20 billion (\$12.2 billion in the US), ranking Wilma among the top 10 costliest hurricanes ever recorded in the Atlantic and the sixth costli-



Collier County Emergency Management member Jim von Rinteln presented Naples Senior Squadron, Commander, Lt Col Dave Moruzzi, with a plaque for assisting them

est storm in US history. Wilma also affected eleven countries with winds or rainfall, more than any other hurricane in recent history.

SM Maturo is the Deputy PAO, Naples Senior Squadron, FLWG

Griffin Squadron Gets EM Flight Ops Tour

By Capt Timothy P. O'Connor

Cadets from Griffin Cadet Squadron, GAWG, gained insight into the world of emergency medical flight when they visited an Emory Flight base in Griffin, GA. Emory Flight is an air medical transportation service that offers advanced life support aboard its helicopters, providing service through its four bases to Georgia and parts of Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina. When there is a critical medical emergency in the southern Atlanta metropolitan area, the crew of an Emory Flight helicopter is dispatched from the Griffin, GA, base to give the victim a fighting chance for survival.

The cadets received classroom instruction on emergency procedures for finding a safe landing zone clear of cars, people, trees,

cows, and other obstacles. They learned under what conditions Emory Flight will fly and under what demanding conditions the pilots and medics work.

The cadets also found out about the educational and training requirements for becoming an Emory Flight pilot or medic, and how to gain that experience. The cadets toured the maintenance facility and saw several helicopters in various conditions, from totally disassembled to flight-ready. This



Griffin Cadet Squadron, two new cadet recruits, and Emory Flight Paramedic Jason Hale stand next to a helicopter used in emergency medical air transport.

gave the cadets an inside look at the complex flying mechanics of a helicopter.

Capt O'Connor is the Commander, Griffin Cadet Squadron, GAWG

WWII B17 Bomber Pilot Shares with Cadets

By 1Lt Jackie Zarrilli

When the Wings of Freedom with its array of WWII aircraft flew into Boca Raton Airport the CAP, was there as they have been every year when the Collings Foundation brings these "big birds" to town. Cadets and seniors members of the Boca Raton Composite Squadron performed community service, helping with crowd control and miscellaneous duties.

Arriving early to help set up, two cadets, C/Amn John Clark and C/SrA Kat Jones, were fortunate to receive a special tour and first hand account from WWII veteran Ed Kaminski, a former B17 Bomber pilot in the US Army Air Corps. Kaminski was stationed just outside of Norwich, England at Deophen Green, flying over 30 missions in his time. He gave an informative tour of a WWII B-17 Bomber, known as the Flying Fortress, telling cadets that it weighs

54,000 lbs, carries 1,700 gallons of fuel with a range of 1850 miles. Today, less than a dozen of the



WWII Pilot Ed Kaminski shows Civil Air Patrol Cadets John Clark and Katherine Jones the window he bailed out from over the North Sea when his B17 Bomber broke apart.

12,726 B-17 Bombers built are still flying.

Learning first hand about the toll of war, the Civil Air Patrol teens heard of Veteran Pilot Kaminski's harrowing experience of bailing out of a B17 as it broke apart returning from a mission and being plucked from the North Sea

by a British vessel, which was able to rescue 6 of the 10 crew members.

"Wow, it is amazing to see and hear how it actually was. I read about the war, but to actually meet someone who was there and to see how tight and barren these bombers were is incredible. This has given me a real appreciation for what these veterans went through. They are all heroes, even the ones without the medals!" exclaimed 13-year-old Airman John Clark.

1st Lt Zarrilli is the FLWG PAO



Kaminski shows cadets where he once sat

AFA Grants Given for Cadet AE Program

By 1Lt Jackie Zarrilli

Two senior members, Suzanne Chung from the Weston Cadet Squadron, and Donna Mallon from the Boca Raton Composite Squadron, applied for an Education Grant from the US Air Force Association. Each squadron recently received a check for \$250 each to advance their cadets aerospace knowledge.

Capt Bill Morden, Boca Raton Composite Squadron Commander says the money will be used to buy and build rockets so his cadets can earn their Model Rocketry Badge. Weston Cadet Squadron Commander, Lt. Ralph Kugel says, "The money couldn't come at a better time. SM Chung is our Aero-

space Officer. She is tops and will put it to good use!"

Coral Springs Cadet Squadron applied and received this grant in June of 2004 and is eligible to apply again in June of 2006.

"We are definitely applying again. I have already completed the application," says 1st Lt Bruce Sage, the squadron commander. This squadron hosted a Model Rocketry Lock In. The weekend was spent learning

first hand everything you wanted to know and more about rockets. 1st

Lt Mitchell Drucker and Lt Col George Erkes were instructors and Capt Norman Kaplan, the squadron Aerospace Officer, tested the cadets. By Sunday evening participating cadets had earned their

Model Rocketry Badge. Florida Wing Model Rocketry Officer, Lt John Edwards was there.



Squadron's rocket experts discuss plans to help cadets earn CAP Model Rocketry Badge

Brothers discover interests through Civil Air Patrol

By Marie Nesmith
Bartow Neighbor News Editor
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Enabling his four sons to be self-sufficient by age 18 is a hefty but obtainable goal for Hayden Collins. Along with instruction provided at home, organizations like the Bartow-Etawah Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol are helping the Cartersville resident and his wife, Sandra, meet this objective.

Through the Civil Air Patrol, which is a volunteer, civilian auxiliary of the US Air Force, his adopted sons - Zane, Blake, Corey and Dwayne - have been exposed to mock search and rescue exercises, medical and leadership training, and the basics of aerospace.

"We use the Civil Air Patrol as a learning program to discover their interests," said Collins, who serves as the organization's operations officer. "If someone is interested in aerospace or the military, they would know by going through the program if they want to pursue it as a career. The goal of the Civil Air Patrol is not just to train them for the military, but to enhance their excitement in aerospace."

Through the local, 55-member program, consisting of 19 adults and 36 cadets ages 12 to 18, the brothers are exploring potential careers in the military, computer and medical fields.

"After I graduate, I want to be a

medic in the Air Force," said 14-year-old Blake, who is CPR certified through the American Heart Association. "My long-term goal is to be an architect and serve in the National Guard. I like helping people, making sure they're all right."

One of the highlights of the program for Blake has been participating in four annual mock search and rescue missions. During a three-day operation in January



Collins brothers learn, and give a lot through CAP

called Dog Daze, the brothers received training alongside Georgia Department of Natural Resources employees and canines.

By forming a search line - in which members, who were several feet apart, slowly canvassed the area - 20 cadets searched for a "lost individual" at Hudson Farm in Cartersville. Training such as this is necessary for cadets to become certified to participate in real-life search and rescue operations with state agencies - a feat that the four brothers have achieved.

For Collins, seeing his sons succeed is a rewarding experience. "They have all made long strides," Collins said. "Blake was 3 when we first got him. He couldn't speak well, and he had a limp due to two different sized shoes. Now, along with becoming an Eagle Scout in the next two months, he is

a certified medic and search and rescue member.

"When you remove children from neglect or abuse situations and give them a stable environment they tend to excel. All of the boys continue to help out with other foster children in our home. And they contribute to our neighborhood by painting signs, picking up trash and creating a kick ball diamond in the cul-de-sac."

The siblings also have given back to the community through their participation in the Bartow County Department of Family and Children's Services' Silent Santa program last December. In addition to sponsoring five toddlers, the brothers - with the help of their Boy Scouts of America Troop 157 and other Civil Air Patrol cadets - sorted toys and delivered the items to about 300 foster homes. The delivery operation that served as Blake's Eagle Scout project was especially close to their heart.

"It was really important to us," said 16-year-old Zane, who is the squadron's Web master, responsible for updating and linking the monthly newsletter to their Web site at www.gawg.cap.gov/GA129. "We know what it is like for the kids. Before our adoption, our only possession was a stuffed animal."

Along with community service projects and field exercises, the cadets meet each Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Cartersville airport. Classroom instruction includes discussions about leadership, CAP history and rocketry.

While the cadets' textbooks and Class A uniforms are provided by the Air Force, other items are funded through donations, such as a \$500 grant for aerospace supplies from the New York Life Foundation.

SER Organizational Chart

